

Another Conservation Success Story...

Taliaferro County, Georgia

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Wildlife Habitat Improved on Working Farm in Taliaferro

Stan Jackson wanted to utilize his land for beef cattle and, at the same time, promote wildlife habitat management.

The livestock had access to the entire farm including woodlands, streams, and ponds.

Jackson wanted to better manage his forage production and encourage wildlife habitat development.

Utilizing the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) program he installed over 6,000 feet of electric fence to exclude the livestock from wildlife areas.

Two hundred and thirty acres of pasture have been overseeded with clover to improve the nutrient availability to other grasses and to provide extra forage for the livestock and wildlife.

In addition, the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) program is being utilized to convert 300 acres of a pine monoculture to prime wildlife habitat by installing permanent wildlife food plots.

Prescribed burns and light disking will be conducted annually throughout the area to encourage native early successional vegetation growth.

What is WHIP?

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program for people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat primarily on private land.

Through WHIP USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service provides both technical assistance and up to 75 percent cost-share assistance to establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat.

WHIP agreements between NRCS and the participant generally last from 5 to 10 years from the date the agreement is signed.

WHIP has proven to be a highly effective and widely accepted program across the country.

By targeting wildlife habitat projects on all lands and aquatic areas, WHIP provides assistance to conservation minded landowners.

"I am beginning to see my land develop as a working farm with a wildlife emphasis as I have always wanted it to."—Stan Jackson



6,000 feet of electric fence was installed to exclude livestock from wildlife areas.



300 acres of monoculture pines has been converted to prime wildlife habitat by installing food plots.



230 acres of pasture has been overseeded with clover to improve the nutrient availability to other grasses and for extra forage for the livestock and wildlife.



Stan Jackson in one of his food plots.

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